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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Nobuaki Omata, et al.

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For: ACTUATOR AND METHOD OF  
MANUFACTURING A STRAIN ELEMENT

**FIRST PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

MS Non-Fee Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the Listing of Claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 9 of this paper.